



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee has seven career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) including DECA; Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); FFA ; HOSA-Future Health Professionals; SkillsUSA; and Technology Student Association (TSA); and

WHEREAS, approximately 62,000 Tennessee students, including middle school, high school, and postsecondary, are involved in a CTSO; and

WHEREAS, CTSOs are an integral component of career and technical education programs of study in middle schools, high schools, and postsecondary institutions across the state; and

WHEREAS, CTSOs offer students the opportunity to gain academic, technical, leadership, and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and

WHEREAS, students blend classroom learning and real-world experiences through nationally-recognized competitive event programs, career exploration opportunities, and leadership development programs; and

WHEREAS, CTSOs provide opportunities for students to participate in Innovative School Model (ISM) programs aligned to Tennessee's highest-demand skills and careers; and

WHEREAS, students engaged in CTSOs accomplish projects that are fused with concepts of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of February 12-16, 2024, as

Tennessee Career and Technical Student Organizations Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-sixth day of January, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State